(c) HEC was primarily set up to manufacture machinery for the steel industry from where the expected orders did not flow in the 80s and 90s. However, presently the company has orders worth Rs. 709 crores in hand.

(d) Due to market competition, obsolete technology and working capital shortage, HEC has had difficulty in procuring large orders. With assistance from Government and proposed revival package the order position is improving.

Revival of HPFMC

2970. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a private agency was engaged to examine the viability of Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd. as recommended by the Parliamentary Committee;

(b) if so, whether the agency has submitted its report together with the details; and

(c) whether Government would take a favourable view to protect the livelihood of the employees of HPF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) As recommended by the Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry (Rajya Sabha), M/s Ernst & Young, has been engaged as a consultant to examine the viability of Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd. The consultant has been asked to submit the final report early for taking a view by the competent authority.

Sick PSUs in Rajasthan

2971. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Centre/State PSUs lying sick in Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government have chalked out any plan to revive these sick PSUs;